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NORTH of Brisbane, beginning at Redcliffe and extending to Gympie, is a sun-kissed playground by mountain and sea offering unlimited possibilities as a holiday resort. The region is called the Near-North Coast and is connected with the metropolis by rail and by an excellent road—the Bruce Highway.

Redcliffe is the first of a long line of glorious North Coast seaside resorts. Then come Caloundra, Mooloolaba, Alexandra Heads, Maroochydore, Coolum, Noosa, with their magnificent surfing beaches, and the river township of Tewantin, and the Lakes. Further north still is Double Island Point and Tin Can Bay.

The Blackall Range runs through this smiling land like a gigantic backbone. Magnificent panoramas unfold from the heights of Montville, Mapleton, and Maleny. Farms and orchards make vivid checkerboard patterns of greens and golds, alternating with the darker hues of forest and scrub lands. The oddly-shaped Glasshouse Mountains guard the approach. Captain Cook saw in them a resemblance to the huge glass houses or furnaces of his native Whitby on that far-off day when he sailed the "Endeavour" into Moreton Bay.

Your sojourn in Queensland will be all the richer for a visit to this sub-tropical littoral lying adjacent to the capital.





King's Beach, Caloundra.

CALOUNDRA

CURVING sandy beaches, gently rising bluffs, and rugged forelands—these are among the picturesque features which characterise this charming North Coast seaside resort.

A most impressive view is obtained from vantage points near Caloundra lighthouse. The expanse of ocean, with Moreton Island looming on the horizon and perhaps a liner moving into port; the gleaming sands fringed with lacy surf; the far-extending beach on Bribie Island and the winding Pumicestone Passage, which separates the island from the mainland; the little fishing village by the riverside and estuary, and inland the Glasshouses and the Blackall Range—whatever the time of day the panorama from Caloundra Hill is one of ineffable loveliness.

Caloundra abounds in natural beauty and charming picnic spots. The splendid beaches attract surfers and sun-worshippers throughout the year. On the tranquil waters of the Passage, boating and canoeing are popular pastimes, while fishing, duck shooting (in season), oystering, and fossicking among the rocks and pools are added delights. There are splendid fishing grounds off the reefs adjacent to Caloundra Head and along the Passage. Tennis courts are within easy walking distance of the township. Access is by rail to Landsborough (51 miles) thence by car (13 miles).



MOOLOOLABA·ALEXANDRA Heads

THE twin oceanside resorts of Mooloolaba and Alexandra Heads have a strong appeal to the angler, surfer, and boating enthusiast. There is such a variety of enjoyment, such diversity of scenic interest, that holidays by these North Coast strands seem to speed past all too soon. What could be more delightful than these purple hills, these verdant leas, these silver sands? Could tints be deeper, skies more soft, more fair?

Against the time-worn rocks of Alexandra Headlands the ever-restless waves surge and boil, sending up showers of spray like tiny white egret feathers. From the summit a splendid view is obtained, stretching far north past Pincushion Island, Maroochy River, Mudjimba Island, on to Noosa strands, and far south to Bribie Island. Inland tower the triple basaltic peaks of Coolum, Nindherry, and Cooroy.

One of the main features of Mooloolaba is that it is a base from which game-fishermen can operate. The bar at the mouth of the river can be crossed at almost any state of the tide, thus providing safe shelter in the event of bad weather. It is the only river along the Near-North Coast which is not closed to shipping by a sandbar; therefore, it has become the headquarters for big-game anglers.

Access from Brisbane is by rail to Woombye (62 miles), thence by connecting road-motor to the coast (13 miles).



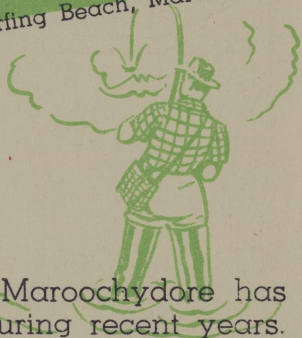
Ocean Beach, Mooloolaba.





Main Surfing Beach, Maroochy-dore.

MAROOCHYDRE



OF all the North Coast seaside resorts, Maroochy-dore has perhaps made the greatest progress during recent years. It is well provided with shops and comfortable accommodation-houses and an hotel. There is a bowling-green at Maroochy-dore. The visitor is assisted in every way to enjoy holidaying in this sun-kissed region. There is also an unlimited number of truly delightful camping spots along the ocean shores between Mooloolaba and Maroochy-dore and along the grassy banks of the river. The river is ideal for boating and fishing, while the surf is within easy walking distance. Motor trips up the river to Yandina, Deepwater, Bli Bli, and Dunethin Rock, and excursions to adjacent seaside resorts or to Buderim Mountain and Blackall Range, constitute added attractions. There are few districts in the State which offer the combination of glorious surfing beaches and rare mountain scenery within easy access of one another.

Maroochy-dore, the home of the black swans, according to an aboriginal legend, forms what might be called the "buckle" of the bejewelled girdle of the North Coast, being situated in the "waist and middle."

Access to Maroochy-dore is by rail to Woombye (62 miles) thence by car (14 miles).

TEWANTIN

THE vanished tribes of the North Coast named that part of their hunting grounds where Lake Doonella runs into the Noosa River "tewantin—the place of dead trees." But to-day it would be hard to find a more verdant, smiling holiday abode. The visitor is never at a loss for something to do in this region. Fishing has a fascination for most of us—even for the veriest amateur with rod and reel. Here, by lake, stream, and ocean, is reputed to be one of the finest fishing grounds along the eastern coastline. Facilities for golf and tennis are available at Tewantin.

Besides being in close proximity to the surf (Noosa Heads is only 5 miles away), Tewantin is the point of embarkation for the Lakes Country. Cootharaba is the largest of the six lakes, being 7 miles long by 5 miles wide. Motor boats leave regularly from the pontoons at Tewantin and wind their way up pretty Noosa River through Lake Cooroiba or Little Lake to the Big Lake. Boreen Point, on the left bank of Cootharaba, about 2 miles from the entrance, is an ideal picnic spot. These extensive sheets of water, which are linked together by "straits," possess distinctive features. They are bordered by flowering shrubs and creepers, fairly open forest country, and wide-spreading plains. Wild flowers spangle the plains and savannahs.

Access is by rail from Brisbane to Cooroy (81 miles), thence by connecting service car (10 miles).



Lake Cootharaba near Tewantin.





Hell's Gate, Noosa Heads.



NOOSA HEADS

THE glorious North Coast seashores reach their highest degree of perfection at Noosa Heads. The eternal warfare between ocean and land has produced remarkable formations in the region of the boulder-strewn and foamed-drenched headland. When a south-easterly gale is blowing, Hell's Gates present a spectacle of awe-inspiring grandeur. Devil's Kitchen is almost equally magnificent, and the Stairway and Paradise Cave are other features of nature's age-long fretwork on the bold forelands.

Once it has been seen, the assertion that Golden Beach is the most appealing of the North Coast strands can well be understood. For endless miles the virgin beach streams southwards to Coolum, finally hiding in the white surf-mist. Then there is the exhilarating drive along the hard ocean beach to Teewah coloured sands. In all there are about fourteen differently coloured sands in the Teewah cliffs (300 feet). The trip to Double Island Point is also well worth while.

Laguna Bay is not large but its formation—sweeping in a graceful curve from the forelands to the river entrance—constitutes perfect conditions for surfing. Launches and service cars operate between Noosa Heads and Tewantin, from where trips to the Lakes can be arranged. Facilities for golf and tennis are also available at Tewantin. Access to Noosa is by rail from Brisbane to Cooroy (81 miles), thence by connecting service car to Noosa (15 miles).

COOLUM · TIN CAN BAY ·

COOLUM Beach has been brought into prominence only during recent years, but its resources are such that it is destined to become a popular watering resort. So many oceanside resorts are in the process of creation in the Near-North Coast that we can be excused for scarcely knowing where one ends and the other begins. The shores from Caloundra to Noosa are becoming an immense playground to which holiday-makers from the metropolis and townships in the Interland eagerly flock. Yandina (69 miles) is the nearest railway station to Coolum Beach, which extends for more than 8 miles south in a sweeping curve to Point Arkwright. From the summit at Mount Coolum there is a splendid view of scrub, forest, and ocean, extending from Noosa in the north to Point Arkwright in the south. Pleasant excursions can be made through the picturesque valley to Maroochydoore. Mount Ninderry and Golden Valley are beauty spots well worth visiting.

Gympie's old-established seaside resort is Noosa Heads, but of late years the varied attractions of Tin Can Bay have claimed attention. This resort, which is 35 miles from Gympie, is situated on the banks of a deep inlet of Wide Bay, the main beach being between Double Island Point and Inskip Point. Splendid fishing, swimming, and shooting provide the visitor with unlimited enjoyment. Access is by rail to Gympie (106 miles) thence by bus.

Noosa Heads and River from the Lookout.





Bundamba Township.

Maroochy River from Dunethin Rock.

The GLORIOUS NORTH COAST

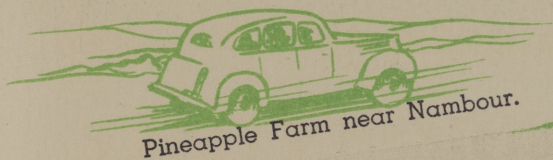
BLESSED with an equable climate, abundant and regular rainfall, and swift fecundity of rich volcanic soils, the Near-North Coast annually produces large quantities of butter, fruit, and sugar. Other agricultural pursuits flourish to a lesser degree, and timber-getting is a stable industry.

The North Coast District has been appropriately named "The Fruit Garden of Queensland." Mild climate, fertile soil, and bountiful rainfall favour the cultivation of both temperate and tropical fruits. So we find pineapples, bananas, and paw-paws flourishing within a few miles of the ranges, where citrus and strawberries are among the sun-kissed harvest of the orchards. On many plantations the fruits are grown in conjunction, for conditions necessary for the successful cultivation of one are also necessary for the other.

THE pretty little town of Nambour is the hub of the North Coast. The district represents the southernmost portion of the State in which sugar-cane is grown to any large extent. The greater portion is grown in the lower valley of the Maroochy River, where conditions are similar to those of the Clarence and Richmond River districts of New South Wales. The Moreton Mill, adjacent to the town, crushes the cane. The Rural School at Nambour is largely attended. Special instruction is given in milk and cream testing, fruit packing and preserving, agricultural and domestic science, and in crafts most required in primary industries.

The North Coast district is rich in romantic history. When James Nash, in 1867, made known the mineral wealth of the Gympie "fields" a "road," which was little more than a bush track, was constructed through from Brisbane, and Cobb and Company started a coach service to the diggings. But those days have long since vanished, and to-day fast motor traffic glides over the modern Bruce Highway and its branch roads to the numerous mountain and coastal resorts.

The visitor to the North Coast will be struck by the oddly-shaped Glass House Mountains. The first to be seen from the Bruce Highway, or train, after passing Caboolture is Miketeebumulgrai (1,000 feet). The others in the group are Coochin Hill (800 feet), N'gun Gun (810 feet), Tibrogargan (1,160 feet), Beerburrum (980 feet), Tibberoowuccum (750 feet), Coonowrin or Crookneck (1,170 feet), Tunbubudla or The Twins (1,100 feet and 1,020 feet), Beerwah (1,760 feet), and Mount Mee or Bonnie Knob (1,624 feet).



Pineapple Farm near Nambour.





View of Glass House Mountains from Maleny.

MALENY

THE Blackall Range, with its orange and mandarin orchards, pineapple plantations, extravagantly green sub-tropical flora, and far horizons is a popular highland resort within a few hours' journey of Brisbane.

Maleny (1,450 feet) is situated at the southern fall of the Blackall Range, about 11 miles west of Landsborough. It is the centre of a very rich dairying district. Several of the State's purebred dairy herds graze on the lush pastures of these mountain meadows.

A splendid road ascends the range, winding through tall forests, palm groves, and out on the razorbacks looking down upon farms and terraced hillsides away to the coast.

From McCarthy's Lookout an incomparable view of the ten vedettes of the Glass House Mountains is obtained. Howell's Knob is the highest point in the Blackall Range and affords a comprehensive view of the Montville-Mapleton citrus orchards before turning eastward to the wooded level of the littoral. Gardiner's Falls and Bobermein's Falls are well worth a visit, while "The Narrows," of Obi Creek, are 5 miles distant. Facilities for bowling, golf, and tennis are at Maleny.

Access is by rail to Landsborough (51 miles) and by service car (11 miles).

BUDERIM

BUDERIM (600 feet) is an isolated plateau situated between the Blackall Range and the seaboard. It, too, can be thoroughly recommended as an upland holiday resort. Croquet and tennis enthusiasts are also catered for, while bowls may be played at Maroochydore, 5 miles distant.

The fertile red soil plateau commands many sublime glimpses of the far-extending seascape and inland to the Blackall Range. On the summit of Buderim Mountains the citrus orchards and banana and pineapple plantations present a truly delightful sight. Although coffee can be produced successfully on suitable soils throughout the coastal areas of the State, the industry has made little progress owing to the difficulty of competing with the relatively cheap imported product. The only commercial areas at present are those of Mr. J. Simpson and Mr. A. Jakeman of Buderim, coffee growers of long experience who have built up a local market for their product. Ginger growing is also a flourishing industry which has considerably expanded under war-time conditions.

Short tours can be arranged to the seaside resorts of Alexandra Heads, Mooloolaba, and Maroochydore, some 5 miles distant, or to the Blackall Range. Access to Buderim Mountain is by rail to Woombye (62 miles) and by car (9 miles).



Tropical Fruit Farm, Palmwoods.





Looking Towards Coast from Montville.

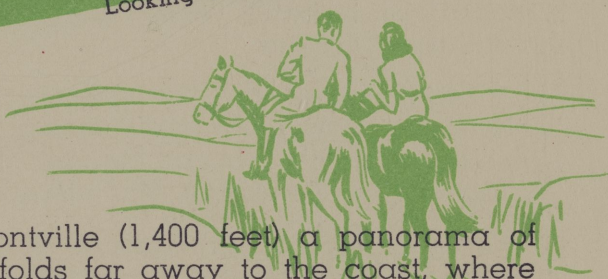
MONTVILLE

FROM the heights of Montville (1,400 feet) a panorama of transcendent beauty unfolds far away to the coast, where the long miles of beaches gleam like a gigantic silver crescent. On a clear day each point, headland, and island can be identified over 90 miles. Buderim Plateau and the solitary peaks of Ninderry, Cooroy, and Coolumb stand out conspicuously.

The vividness of this gorgeous canvas never fails to make an indelible impression on the beholder. On a dark, starry night Double Island lighthouse can be seen revolving its huge beacon, with the lights of Nambour twinkling below as though it were a pool reflecting the gleaming lights of the damask sky.

Here you may golf within sight of delightful rural scenery, swim in crystal-clear mountain pools, horse-ride along pretty bush tracks, wander among fragrant orchards and horticultural gardens, or motor over the plateau to the various vantage points. Short tours can be arranged to the outlook over the Upper Obi Valley, to Mapleton Falls, palm and fern groves. The drive along Razorback to Flaxton should not be missed. Other scenic spots are Bon Accord Falls (300 feet) and Pulpit Rock.

Access is by rail to Palmwoods (60 miles) thence by car (8 miles).



MAPLETON

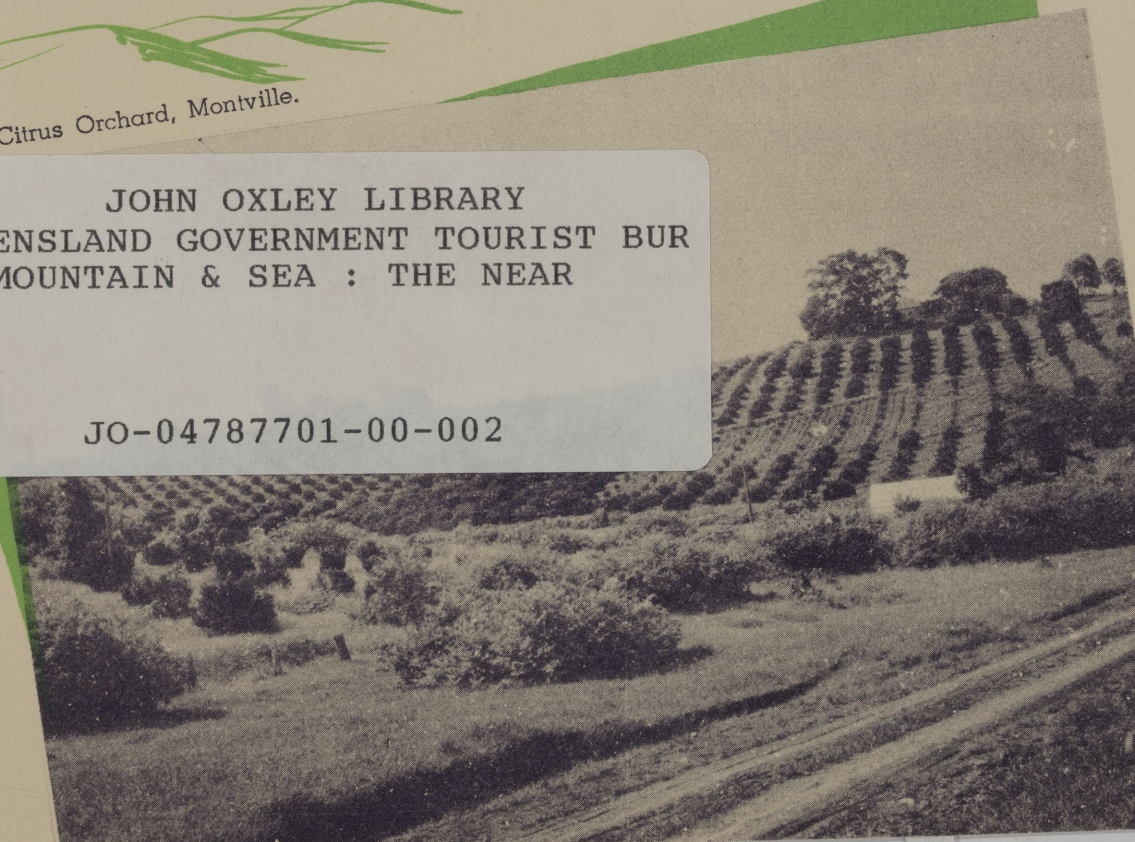
ON the northern edge of the Blackall Range the little town of Mapleton (1,250 feet) nestles amid fruitful orchards and green fields. The visitor can never forget the drive up the range after detraining at Nambour (65 miles). The journey for 8 miles over the tiers of foothills is like mounting a gigantic staircase. Through leafy groves and open forests, over razorbacks, and down emerald dales the car speeds, ever approaching nearer the range. Between rugged declivities at the base of the range are pockets of the most vivid green which hide little homesteads—often seeming to cling to the steep slopes like swallows' nests.

Short motor trips can be arranged to the impressive outlook over the Upper Obi Valley on the western side of the range, the Mapleton Falls, and palm and fern gorges. The Upper Obi Valley prospect is so sudden in its descent at one turn of the road that there is a sheer drop of 120 feet of rock face to where the tops of farmhouses are visible amid the rich green of cultivations. The breath-taking beauty of the last mad leap of the Mapleton Falls into the Obi Valley also is most impressive. The drive along "Razorback" through Flaxton to Montville should not be missed. Fruitful citrus orchards garland the way, with homesteads bedecked with vivid splashes of garden blooms and flowering shrubs. For those who are in quest of health, rest, or other recuperative influences, Mapleton has much to offer.

Citrus Orchard, Montville.

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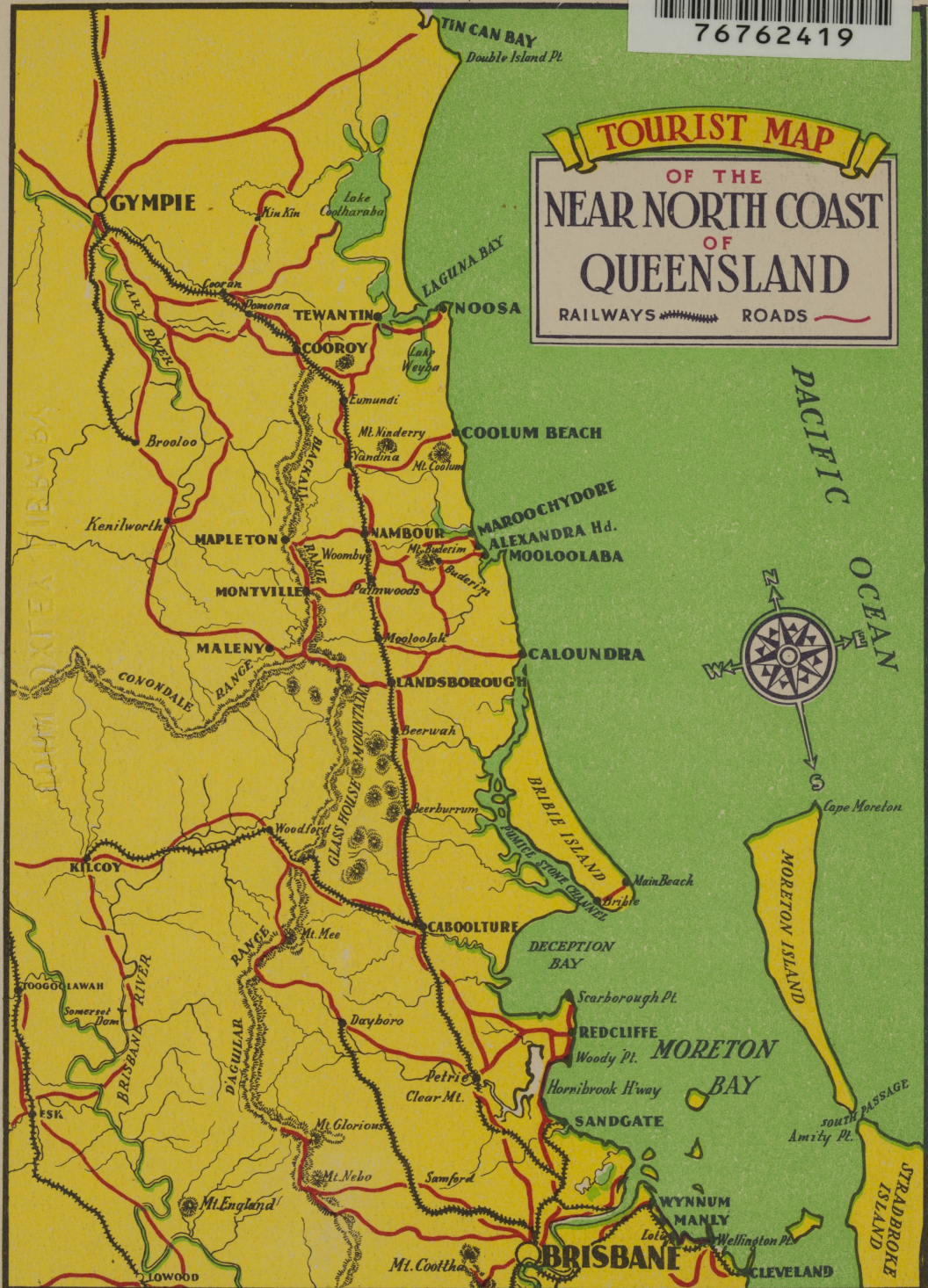
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